Procurement of wheat and rice

832. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of the foodgrains *viz.* rice and wheat respectively during the year 2007-08;

(b) the quantum of wheat and rice procured at the minimum support price during this year, so far, along with the details thereof, State-wise and foodgrain-wise;

(c) whether the foodgrains procured at the minimum support price would, be sufficient to meet the demand during the year 2008-09; and

(d) whether there is any proposal to import wheat and rice this year and if so, the names of countries and the rate at which the same would be imported?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) As per the Fourth Advance Estimate of Ministry of Agriculture & Cooperation, the estimated production of rice in 2007-08 is 964.31 lakh tonnes and that of wheat is 784.01 lakh tonnes.

(b) 284.29 lakh tonnes of rice in Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08 and 226.82 lakh tonnes of wheat was procured in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09 by the Government agencies (Food Corporation of India and State agencies) for the Central Pool. The State-wise details of wheat and rice procured are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) There is no proposal to import wheat and rice this year.

Statement

State-wise procurement of Rice and Wheat in Kharif and Rabi Marketing season 2007-08 and 2008-09

(in lakh tonnes)

State/UT	2007-08
1	2
Andhra Pradesh	74.17
Assam	-
Bihar	5.12
Chandigarh	0.09
Chhattisgarh	27.27
Gujarat	0.19
Haryana	15.72
Jharkhand	0.19

1	2
Kerala	1.68
Karnataka	0.19
Madhya Pradesh	0.69
Maharashtra	1.60
Orissa	23.37
Pondicherry	0.009
Punjab	79.07
Rajasthan	0.19
Tamil Nadu	9.68
Uttar Pradesh	28.91
Uttarakhand	1.47
West Bengal	14.63
TOTAL	284.29

Procurement of Wheat in Rabi Marketing Season 2008-09

(in lakh tonnes)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2008-09
1	Punjab	99.39
2	Haryana	52.31
3.	U.P.	31.37
4.	Rajasthan	9.35
5.	Chandigarh	0.10
6.	Delhi	0.06
7.	H.P.	Neg.
8.	M.P.	24.09
9.	Gujarat	4.15
10.	Bihar	4.99
11.	Uttarakhand	0.84
12.	Chhattisgarh	-
	TOTAL	226.82

Weight reduction of consumer products

833. SHRI N.K. SINGH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state: